

Hampden Recreation Committee
Minutes
May 22, 2017

Attendance:

Recreation Committee: Jim Dyer, Jane Jarvi, Jason Sharpe, Nancy Fenders, Stephanie Shayne.

Excused: Frank Pergolizzi

Guest-Applicant: Steve Brown

Recreation Department: Shelley Abbott, Director: Jill McLaughlin, Assistant Director

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Nancy Fenders assumed Chair responsibilities for this meeting.
- II. Agenda was approved
- III. Public Comments: none
- IV. Approval of Minutes: March 2017: Approved.
- V. Directors Update/Report
 - a. Spring numbers stable
 - b. Summer registration beginning, new programs CIT, Results Basketball camp
 - c. Ongoing drop in programs continuing with strong enrollment as well as discount ticket program
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - a. Budget: workshop held with Council on 5/8/17. Budget presented include one additional FTE. A few question on FTE positon vs part time staff. Next hearing is 6/5/17, with a budget vote expected 6/19/17.
 - b. Summer Soccer Camp: BTBC voted not to partner with REC for the 2017 camp. They have moved forward with advertising their own camp. Rec is providing support with advertising. Rec is not planning a 2017 camp and will look for other opportunities for programming and revenue generation.
 - c. Western Avenue Recreation Area Work: RFP developed, advertised, and accepted proposal. Woodard and Curran executed contract with town on 5/16/17. Initial meeting with W&C week of 5/22. Committee help wit be needed with promoting and participating in the process/also garnering public support.
 - d. Town Audit: The most significant "bottom line finding" here is that, during FY16, the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance began to rebound for a long period of decline, gaining \$386,497 from year-end FY15. Recreation reserve grew by \$100,102.00.
 - e. Scholarship Establishment: Criteria sheet and application formulated, edited, and finalized. No available on rec website. \$905 balance as of 5/18/17, with \$25 support for afterschool nerf being spent.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Grants: Town looking at grant options for desired projects. Rec Dept. evaluating RTP (Recreational Trails Program) grants and feasibility for town use. Any committee support with grant work/process for application would be appreciated.